

## Public Scoping Comment Form



We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal review process and return your completed comment form today or mail by September 21, 2009. Thank you.

Which meeting did you attend? August 20, 2009 - Pueblo, CO

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Project Purpose and Need                        | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Historic and Cultural Sites      |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Visual / Aesthetic Resources                    | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Radio or Television Interference |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Proximity to Residences                         | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Noise                            |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Land Use (Agriculture, Residential, Recreation) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Health and Safety                |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Water Resources (Floodplains, River Crossings)  | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Biological Resources             |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____   |  |

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Agriculture | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential | <input type="checkbox"/> Conservation Easement               |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Commercial             | <input type="checkbox"/> Industrial             | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Other: <u>cows graze</u> |

Please provide your comments on the proposed project in the space provided below:

See attachment.

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THANK YOU FOR TAKING THE TIME TO PARTICIPATE.

Please submit comments by the following means:

- Leave this form at the public scoping meeting.
- Mail the form or a letter to the address above.
- Submit comments electronically at [www.socotransmission.com](http://www.socotransmission.com)

Please submit your comments by September 21, 2009.

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Please tell us how to reach you.

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If you would like to receive electronic newsletters on the project, please provide an email address: KScher53@ghvalley.net

Please fold this form letter style if you choose to mail it without an envelope. Make sure that your contact information is facing inward when mailing.

I-332-001

We live in Pueblo County, Hatchet Ranch, Phase 1, west of I-25, and are in the study area for your project to construct new transmission lines between the Comanche and new Calumet Substations. We own two parcels on South Lane, one of which is our residence. We are vigorously opposed to installing these transmission lines through our covenanted subdivision with 66 custom homes or home sites.

As well as being a **residential** area, this is pristine real estate with unique topography (hills, valleys, cliffs, above- and under-ground streams), vegetation (juniper, pinion, pines, cottonwood, and other trees and bushes), and diverse animal life. **Mule deer** and wild turkeys home here. **Pronghorn, elk**, and bears pass through. **Families** live, **children** play, and **elderly** reside here, in addition to cows, horses, and pets.

Therefore, we are against placement in this corridor because of:

- proximity to residences,
- the appearance of the structure and lines,
- affect on our view and quality of life,
- health and safety concerns,
- noise,
- electrical interference and emissions,
- environmental concerns, and
- influence on our property values where we, and many others, have invested life savings.

We believe this fragile ecosystem should not be compromised and should be preserved. We ask you to remove our area from consideration for transmission line placement. We believe much better alternative sites are available where your industrial project is more likely to be less obtrusive and less intrusive, i.e., 'out of sight, out of mind.'

*Lee & Kathryn Schermerhorn*

*7928 South Ln*

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### I-332-001: Environmental Consequences (In Review)

Your email/letter/comment form has been received and your comment noted. Potential environmental consequences and mitigation measures from the proposed project will be addressed in the Environmental Impact Statement.

The Environmental Impact Statement is anticipated to be completed in late 2010 and will be available at <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/ea.htm>.